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ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC  
also known as  
Andrew Artukovic,  
Alois Anich

In 1963 the Yugoslav Government furnished to the Department of State names of persons who allegedly would do bodily harm to President Tito during his anticipated visit to the United States. Among these names was "Andrija Artukovic, born November 29, 1899. As of August 14, 1963, he resided at 64-B Surfside Colony, Surfside, California."

The Yugoslav Government also characterized Artukovic as being "a notorious war criminal."

Andrija Artukovic was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI in February, 1967 in connection with the bombings of the Yugoslav Consulates in the U.S. and Canada. During the course of the interviews Artukovic stated that he had no information relative to these bombings. He did state, however, that he was anti-Tito and anti-communistic in his views but that he had not been active in Yugoslav circles for quite some time. He indicated that he was 67 years of age and was semi-retired. He advised that he felt a great debt to the U.S. for refusing to allow him to be extradited to Yugoslavia. According to Artukovic, he owes his life to the U.S.

Records of the U.S. District Court, Los Angeles, California, reflect that Andrija Artukovic was arrested by the U.S. Marshal, Los Angeles, on August 29, 1951, on a complaint filed by the Government of Yugoslavia charging him with the mass murders of thousands of Serbians and Jewish people during World War II. Artukovic during that period was Minister of Police and Minister of Justice, in the quisling government set up to establish the free and independent state of Croatia under the occupying German forces during World War II. The Government of Yugoslavia sought the extradition of Artukovic but on

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January 5, 1959, the U.S. Commissioner, Los Angeles, ruled against his extradition on the grounds it was based on politics and not on law.

The following composite description of Artukovic was obtained from records of Immigration and Naturalization Service and by interrogation:

Name	Andrija Artukovic, also known as Andrew Artukovic, Alois Anich
Residence	64-B Surfside Colony, Surfside, California
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	November 29, 1899 Klobuk, Yugoslavia
Height	5' 8"
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
INS No.	1600-58031
FBI No.	853466
Employment	Retired
Citizenship	Stateless
Entered U.S.	July 16, 1948 under the name of Alois Anich

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